

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/18962

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : CO7H 21/04; A61K 48/00; CO7K 14/00, 14/52
US CL : 536/23.1, 23.4; 514/44; 530/350, 351

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S. : 536/23.1, 23.4; 514/44; 530/350, 351

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/0123099 A1 (WEINER et al.) 5 September 2002 (5.9.2002), see entire document	38-40, 48, 49-53
Y		1-4, 25, 26, 27, 37, 47
Y	RUCKERT et al. IL-15-IgG2b fusion protein accelerates and enhances a TH2 but not a Th1 immune response in vivo, while IL-2-IgG2b fusion protein inhibits both. Eur. J. Immunol. December 1998, Vol. 28: 3312-3320	1-4, 7, 25, 26, 27, 29, 37, 47
Y	WIERDA et al. CD40-ligand (CD145) gene therapy for chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Blood, November 2000, Vol 96, pages 2917-2924, see entire document	7, 25
Y	ANETHER et al. Interleukin-15 as a potential costimulatory cytokine in CD154 gene therapy of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Blood. Vol 99, pages 722-723, see entire document	7, 25

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 35 and 36
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
Claims 35 and 36 depend on claims 58 or 60 and claims 59, 62 or 64-67, respectively. Claims 58-60, 62 and 64-67 were not filed with this application.
3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 5, 6, 8, 12-24, 28, 34-36 and 41-46
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

STN: Medline

Search Terms II-15 fusion protein, IgE signal peptide, CD40L, CD154, leader sequence